



the Jigsaw Children's Centre on 16<sup>th</sup> September, and the Thurston Beavers and Scouts on 28<sup>th</sup> September, where he had showed the youngsters around the Police vehicle. Speed checks had been carried out in Barton Road on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, and Beyton Road on 5<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September. One vehicle had been stopped and warned in Beyton Road. PCSO Myall was to attend the Toddler Group and New Green Centre on 15<sup>th</sup> October, and will be in an assembly at Beyton Middle School on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. He is also in contact with the CC re the bus lay-by lines etc in School Road. PC Haygreen and OPCSO had held a Youth Forum meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> October. 12 young folk had attended, along with representatives from the Parish Council, New Green Trust, Suffolk CC, and Community Services, and other members of the public. Everyone had been enthusiastic. A plan had been conceived to organise a drop-in centre for young folk; offers of equipment had been received and 1 volunteer had come forward. There was to be an advertisement for more volunteers in the Thurston Newsletter. The proprietor of the Victoria P/H had offered for young folk to be in his Pool room on Monday evenings. A very positive meeting, and the next would be held 9<sup>th</sup> November

MR TAYLOR AND MR OLDFIELD spoke regarding changes to planning proposals for land at the rear of 1 & 2 Station Hill. Cllr Robinson informed them that the PC had already submitted its comments to MSDC, explaining that PC's are statutory consultees and have no influence over the District Council's decisions on planning. The gentlemen reported that the original plans had been altered slightly, and that amended plans should have been sent to the PC.

#### 4 Statutory Business -

a) Clerk's Pay Award - Information had been received from NALC re the Salary award settlement for 2009, to take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009. There had been an agreed increase of 1%, and on the proposal of the Chairman, with all in favour, it was agreed to implement this increase with immediate effect, and to pay back-pay due from 1<sup>st</sup> April onwards.

#### 5 Matters for referral to Police Tasking Meeting - Cllrs asked for the following issues to remain as in need of priority attention at the next SNT Tasking Meeting:-

- 1) Anti Social Behaviour at the Youth Shelter in particular
- 2) Tractors speeding along Heath Road
- 3) Vandalism to Play Areas

Cllr Robinson asked if the hours of the PCSO might be re-arranged to include more evening hours, in light of the disturbances at the Youth Shelter. **Clerk to formally request this of Sgt C Curtis.**

#### 6 Business Remaining -

a) ASB problems, Youth Shelter - a log had been received of events at the shelter, which had been compiled by a resident who lives opposite. Also, a letter had been received from another local resident, which the Chairman read aloud to the meeting. Cllr Robinson noted that the previous evening's Youth Forum meeting had agreed that youngsters must take more responsibility, while residents need to accept that youngsters are a part of the local community. Each Cllr was invited to give their view on this matter, and all had a similar view to the above. Cllr Mrs Clark proposed the Youth Shelter be left at New Green with a deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> December for behaviour to improve and the situation to be reviewed, 8 for 1 against. It was further agreed to cut back the hedge near the Youth Shelter on the Station Hill side, and to obtain quotations for fencing to be put around the shelter. **Clerk to implement.**

b) Office Accommodation - following the Council's request for information regarding the proposed extension to the New Green Centre, information had been received from the Trust that this would not go ahead in the foreseeable future.

c) Bus stop lay-by, School Road - Council was informed of correspondence between the CC, MSDC, the PCSO and the Clerk. In addition, letters had been received from parents of children attending the Primary School regarding various incidents with traffic unable to negotiate past parked cars near the shops without mounting the pavement, necessitating the residents to jump into the driveways of houses opposite. Children's back-packs being carried by parents had been caught on wing mirrors of vehicles having to drive so close to the pavement, wrenching them backwards. The CC had asked for a decision from the PC re trying to provide safer more convenient parking for cars visiting the shops. After discussion it was agreed to ask the CC to pursue with this idea. **Clerk to advise.**

d) Diseased Tree, Recreation Ground - this tree, located along the path at the top of the Ground, had now been felled, and found to have been extremely unsafe, suffering from honey fungus.

e) Councillor Training - Cllr Weeks said that the Chairman had indicated he still would like the Council to pursue Quality Status, which would necessitate Cllrs undergoing various training courses. The Chairman and Cllr Weeks had looked through the leaflet outlining available courses,

supplied by SALC, and an e-mail was to be sent to all Cllrs with their preferences. It was agreed to obtain available dates for the Power of Well Being course to be run in Thurston early in the New Year. **Clerk to determine.**

7 **Chairman's Communications -**

a) The Chairman informed Council that two enquiries had been made to the Clerk re the provision of student grants. This would be possible once the Council could implement the Power of Well-Being, and would be considered in the up-coming budget discussions.

8 **Questions from Councillors -** There were none

9 **Reports from Committees and Groups**

a **PLANNING -**

i **Planning Applications received -**

2634/09	1 <sup>st</sup> floor side extension, etc., Noo's Lodge	
2502/09	Thin and cut 1 Oak Tree, 6 Lapwing Close	SUPPORT
2632/09	2 no detached dwellings, land rear of 1&2 Station Hill	OBJECT
2553/09	1 NO Detached dwelling, 13 School Lane	SUPPORT

ii **Planning Decisions received :-**

2502/09	Thin and cut 1 Oak Tree, 6 Lapwing Close	GRANTED
1942/09	Replacement Church Room etc., St Peter's Church	WITHDRAWN
2483/09	Front Porch, The Dell Caravan Park	GRANTED

b **RECREATION GROUND -**

i) **Play Equipment Risk Assessment -** It was noted that the end caps for the new equipment in Heath Road Playing Field has still not been received. **Clerk to request.** Also in Heath Road Playing Field, the bottom of the slide has developed a crack. **Clerk to report to manufacturer.** A handle on the Springy in Thedwastre Park is missing. **Clerk to contact manufacturer re replacement.**

ii) Cllr Sadler reported that the Recreation Ground Committee had met, and produced the following report :-

a) it had been agreed to ascertain if quotations for replacement flooring in the changing rooms at the Pavilion were still valid,. **Clerk to arrange**

b) ongoing problems had been identified re roof tiles at the Pavilion. Committee looking at various ideas as alternatives.

c) Paintwork on the outside front of the Pavilion and the gables was needed.

d) the football and cricket clubs had indicated they need more storage for ground equipment. The Committee was considering investigating the possibility of building a lean-to structure on the side of the Pavilion for this purpose. Cllr Sadler indicated that it was not expected that the PC should fund all of this work. On that basis, Council had no objections to then proposals.

e) The Committee had discussed hire charges at the Pavilion, and recommended that no increase be implemented.

f) It had been noted that rabbits had made the surface of the Heath Road Playing Field extremely uneven. **Clerk to ask Charity how to proceed.**

c **COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS -**

i) Cllr Robinson had attended a Community Forum meeting at Thurston Community College on 6<sup>th</sup> October. The Principal had given a report re the proposed Sports Facilities improvements. Two planning applications had been submitted, 1 for the sports barn and 1 for lighting for the Astroturf. These plans had been made available to the public. A suggestion had been made that the 6<sup>th</sup> form students perform music in the Thurst Coffee shop at New Green. Jo Bannon asked for suggestions for 6<sup>th</sup> formers to help in the Community

ii) Cllr Button informed Council that he had resigned from his position as a Trustee of the New Green Community Trust.

iii) Cllr Mrs Long had also attended the Community Forum at the College.

iv) Cllr Mrs Clark was to attend the SALC AGM on 9<sup>th</sup> November at Haughley Park Barn

d **VILLAGE REPORTS -**

i) Cllr Mrs Clark had been approached by a representative of the Woodland Trust, interested in the extremely large oak tree in the grounds of a property in Pepper Lane. He had indicated that the Trust is very interested in the tree, and was

actually asking to whom it belonged, but mentioned that they think it may be in the region of 1,00 – 1,500 years old and therefore possibly the oldest tree in England.

- e EMERGENCY PLANNING OFFICER’S REPORT – nothing to report
- f EMERGENCY RESPONDERS REPORT – Cllr Robinson reported that the Group had received 4 call-outs during the previous month. The group now had 9 fully trained members with 1 new member to be trained in November.

**10 Reports from Officers of the Council**

- a CLERK’S REPORT –
  - 1 £4,139.43 VAT had been reclaimed
  - 2 Information had been received that there is a new Inspector in charge of the SNT. It was agreed to invite him to meet at the PC Office with the Chair and the Clerk re local issues. **Clerk to arrange.**
  - 3 A letter had been received from a resident regarding changes to the bus route which takes Thurston residents to Woolpit doctor’s surgery. This had been re-directed and meant residents had a precarious walk to reach the surgery. The resident had written to all local Council’s with residents registered at the practice, and urged the Council to write to SCC and request that the service be put back on its normal route. **Clerk to write to SCC accordingly.**
  - 4 An invitation had been received from EACH to attend an Open Evening/Open Day event.
  - 5 Information had been received regarding harassment to members of a dance class held in New Green Centre. The Police were aware.
  - 6 The insurance claim re the damage to the Supernova equipment in Thedwastre Park had been successful and the payment had been received.
  - 7 The insurance claim re the hijacking of the Council’s computer had been rejected.
  - 8 The Clerk had finally been invited to identify on a map the Partridge Close nameplate which had been reported as defaced some time previously.
  - 9 The management of the Dell Caravan Park had requested they be allowed to reproduce for themselves copies of the Thurston Circular Walks leaflet, which Council allowed. **Clerk to notify**
  - 10 The problems with the providers of Broadband/Telephone etc in the Parish Office, ongoing since the move to the new premises in New Green, had still not been resolved, and the Clerk had found another provider able to provide the same level of service. On the proposal of Cllr Robinson, seconded Cllr Campbell, all in favour, the Clerk was authorised to make the necessary arrangements.
  - 11 BDO Stoy Hayward LLP, the external auditors for the Council, had completed and sent their report which was good. Their only concern was the level of fidelity guarantee. **Clerk to check with insurance providers.**

**11 Resolutions or Recommendation already received – There were none**

**12 Finance**

a) Accounts Awaiting Payment :-

COMPANY	AMOUNT	VAT
Mrs K Savage, Clerk’s Salary	700.64	
Mrs K Savage, back pay re salary award	41.52	
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	742.16	
Mrs K Savage, Clerk’s Expenses	74.39	
Ray Austin, Handyman contract	337.53	
“ “ Expenses	15.00	
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	352.53	
R Sadler, Caretaker Salary (Rec Grd a/c)	107.25	
“ “ Expenses	8.29	
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	115.54	
PC Medic, Computer Maintenance Contract	20.00	
“ “ purchase of AVG Internet Security	41.20	
“ “ purchase of Spamfighter	29.00	
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	90.20	
Heath Road rental	55.00	

E-ON, Pavilion electricity	231.53	11.03
RBS Software, Alpha Software Support	90.85	11.85
RG Carter, 2 Gulley covers, Pavilion	80.73	10.53
SCC, Streetlighting Contract 1/4/09 - 30/9/09	3563.91	464.86
Coastline Graphics, correct Play Area signs	17.25	2.25
Neat Ideas, Telephone & Paper	56.86	7.42
Suffolk ACRE Services, Insurance	1,306.29	
RBL, Poppy Appeal, Wreath	30.00	
M&TJ's Garden Svcs., Fell diseased tree + 1 cut, Heath Rd	460.00	60.00
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	6,728.90	507.94

On the proposal of Cllr Campbell , seconded Cllr Weeks, these accounts were approved for payment, all in favour

b) Accounts already paid -

Tiscali, Broadband	17.61	2.30
New Green Comm Trust, Office Rent	244.95	31.95

c) Initial budget requirements - a first draft of budget proposals was circulated. The finance Group will meet and report to the next meeting

d) Request for provision of cigarette litter bin at Youth Shelter - after discussion, it was agreed not to provide this bin, which Council thought would encourage smoking to continue.

e) Request for financial help from Blackbourne Centre - after consideration of the accounts provided by the Centre, and details of how many Thurston residents use the facility, it was agreed to make a donation of £100 now, and advise the centre that the Council will consider again at the normal time it considers it donation, May 2010. **Clerk to write.**

f) Removal of hedge along Station Hill at Youth Shelter - on the proposal of Cllr Sadler, seconded Cllr Mrs Clark, all in favour, it was agreed to go ahead with the work according to a quotation received from M&TJ's Garden Services. **Clerk to arrange.** It was further agreed to ask the contractor to remove existing piles of debris at the same time.

g) The second half of this year's precept had been received.

**13 Any Other Specified Business** - there was none

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 10.07pm

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**Date of next meeting, Wednesday 4th November 2009**

**Signed..... Chairman Date 4<sup>th</sup> November 2009**